departments for further detailed exploration work.

In addition, many Central Government and State Government Departments such as Central Ground Watei Board and State Ground Water Departments are capable of carrying out such studies using remote sensing techniques.

**Transfer $_0$f Helicopter units from the Air Force to the Army**

2208. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER $b_e$ pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to transfer some helicopter units from the Air Force to the Army; if so, what are the reasons therefor and what functions are likely to be assign-id to them; and

(b) whether the Navy is also likely to have a sort of mini air force; if so, whether it is likely to be equippetf with aircraft carriers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) The Ait Observation Post helicopters, which Government has decided to integrate with the Army, have always been flown by Army Officers lor purely Army tasks. Transfer of these heh copter units to the Army would streamline their operations and permit quicker reaction time during hostilities. The Air Observation Post helicopter units would continue to perform their present functions.

(b) The Navy is already equippeo with aircraft carriers from which fix ed wing and rotary wing aircraft are deployed. Naval assets also include rotary wing aircraft deployed from ships and land basis and fixed wing maritime reconnaissance aircraft based on the land.

**Increase in drug peddling and addiction**

2209. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) wheher any study is being made by Government to assess the alarming increase in drug peddling and addic< tion in the country;

(by what steps have been taken by Government to stop this menace especially among college students- and

(c) whether Government have anj proposal under its consideration ta amend the Indian Narcotics Act to enforce strict vigilance and awarding of deterrent punishment to drug ped-dlars and drug users?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STATES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) A study of the drug abuse situation amongst students in four metropolitan cities and five other towns of the country was commissioned in 1985. The results of this study are stili awaited. A variety of educational ana preventive measures are being taken by the Ministry of Welfare to counteract the problem of drug abuse among the people including students.

(c) The Narcotic Drugs and Psycho, trophic Substances Act, 1985 was recent ly enacted and enforced w.e.t. 14-11-85. There is no proposal with the Government to amend the said Act at present. The Act provides foi deterrent penalties for drug-traffick-ing/peddling.

**Arrest without warrant of an office of Punjab and Sind Bank of Chandigarh**

2210. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that on 7th June, 1986 one Mr. Labh Singh, an officer of Punjab and Sind Bank's Regional Office, Haryana, was

amoved from Chandigarh without any warrant and taken to Patiala by the Patiala District Police;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that a depu-tation of Punjab and Sind Sank Officers' Association met DIG Patiala and demanded his release and enquiry into the matter; and

(d) whether the Chandigarh police have protested against the action of Patiala police in removing Mr. Labh Singh from Chandigarh without infor ming Chandigarh police authorities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STATES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) According to the information furnished by the Government of Pun^ jab, Shri Labh Singh was not removed by the Patiala district police on 7-6-86 from Chandigarh or arufwhere else.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) No, Sir.

**Direction given by the High Court of Kerala regarding citizenship**

2211. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the direction given by the High Court of Kerala at Ernakulam in OP No. 1491 of 1986-C of Shri Karingap-para Mohammed, Panakavil House, (P.O.) Kadampurha, Malappuram District Kerala;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and by when the case is likely to be decided; and

(c) what is the number of cases pending for determination of status under Section 9(2) of the Citizenship Act or long term stay in India under Section 3(2) of the Foreigners Act of 1946 separately and since when these cases are pending together with reasons therufor?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In pursuance of the High Court of Kerala's direction, the case is being processed in consultation with State Government and will be decided as early as possible.

(c) 348 petitions seeking determination of national status under Section 9(2) of the Citizenship Act, 1955 are pending. These are pending for completion of procedural requirements. Long term stay is not granted to foreigners under Section 3(2) of the Foreigners Act, 1946.

**शारीरिक और हथियारों का प्रशिक्षण देने वाले संगठन**

2212. श्री शरद यादव : क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) ऐसे कौन से संगठन हैं जो देश के विभिन्न भागों में धर्म जाति आदि के नाम पर शारिरिक और हथियारों का प्रशिक्षण दे रहे हैं/देते रहे हैं;

(ख) उनमें से कितने संगठन प्रत्यक्ष/अप्रत्यक्ष रूप से विदेशों से धन प्राप्तया कर रहे हैं; और

(ग) क्या सरकार ऐसे कुछ संगठनों पर प्रतिबंध लगाने का विचार रखता हैं ?

राज्य विभाग में राज्य मंत्र (श्री गुलाम नबी आजाद) : (क) से (ग) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी

**Foreign Funds for voluntary Organisations of Orissa**

2213. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

Oa) whether some voluntary organisations functioning in Orissa are getting foreign assistance;

(b) if so, the names of such organisations;

(c) the names of the countries from whom such organisations are receiving money; and